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City of Kingston Awarded \$400,000 from EPA for Assessment and Remediation Planning of Brownfield Sites

Kingston, N.Y.

Mayor Steve Noble is pleased to announce the selection of the City of Kingston for \$400,000 of grant funding from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). These funds will allow the City to conduct environmental site assessments and clean-up planning for private and public properties with the potential for redevelopment.

The EPA grant funds will be used to conduct Phase 1 and Phase 2 environmental site assessments for up to twenty-six properties and clean-up planning for ten properties in the Rondout and Midtown areas, as well as provide support for community outreach activities.

“This grant award is the next step in making our Waterfront and Midtown brownfields most developable and attractive to investors in our City,” stated Mayor Steve Noble. “This has been a goal of the City for at least the past 25 years, so I am pleased to be moving forward with this effort.”

In 1992, the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan was written to begin to address the lowest performing properties at that time in Kingston and to create a vision for a thriving waterfront community. These early efforts led to the creation of the Local Waterfront Implementation Plan in 2002 and planning documents funded by the NYS Department of State Brownfield Opportunity Area (BOA) Program grants for Steps 1, 2 and 3. As part of this process, New York State led a pre-nomination study of Kingston in 2005, followed by a nomination study in 2007 and an implementation plan in 2008.

“All of this work, including the development of the Midtown Arts District, placed Kingston in a prime position to receive the newly-awarded US Environmental Protection Agency grants,” stated Brenna Robinson, Director of Economic and Community Development. “Under these new grant funds, these properties will be evaluated for current and historical conditions and use, the presence and type of contamination, and the recommended means of addressing the contamination in order to proceed with development. The cost savings of having these assessments performed and plans created for these sites will make them considerably more attractive to and ready for public or private investment and re-development.”

This application was prepared in partnership with Barton & Loguidice. No matching funds will be required.

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